

Public Schools Week Dates Set By State Order

Masons to Hold Annual Observance During Week of April 26

SAN FRANCISCO—By proclamation made public here today George L. Jones of Nevada city, grand master of Masons of California, has designated the week of Monday, April 26, 1927, for the eighth annual observance in California of Public Schools Week. Originally instituted as a Masonic function with programs held in lodge rooms, the celebration has become of such widespread interest that the same procedure will be followed this year that was adopted last year of having the entire public participate. Meetings, wherever practicable, will be held in auditoriums and public schools and addressed by speakers of wide public prominence pertaining to the schools. The purpose of Public Schools Week are set forth in the proclamation of the grand master as follows:

"The challenge of childhood is eternal; and the nation is ever confronted with the demand that every child shall be assured his rightful heritage of an education appropriate to, and commensurate with, the demands of the age in which he lives. We have sought to answer that challenge by the creation of a purely American institution—the public school; and of all our American institutions this is the most useful and the most deserving of public support.

"As is true of every human institution, it is, of course, far from perfect; and there has never been a time when it has not been subject to criticism. In so far as that criticism is intelligent and constructive it is to be welcomed, and should be encouraged; but in so far as it is destructive and designedly hostile it is to be deplored, and should be vigorously contested by every friend of our public school system. To combat that destructive criticism, to bring about desired improvement, and to preserve that faith and confidence in the institution on which its perpetuity and usefulness depend, there must be close contact between the public and its schools, together with free and open discussion of all questions involved. That is the aim and purpose of Public Schools Week."

The state committee in charge of the week's activities, will be announced shortly.

NEBRASKA PICNIC
All who have lived in Nebraska are called to meet under the auspices of the Nebraska Association of Southern California for the great picnic reunion all day Saturday, March 26, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

Highway News

Notes on California Roads Furnished by National Auto Club

The Coast Highway from Santa Monica to the mouth of Topanga Canyon is in good condition at the present time, but the road is closed to traffic beyond the account of landslides. Topanga Canyon road is still closed on account of landslides.

All cement concrete pavement is now in place on the Ocean Highway in Ventura County, and construction of rock shoulders is in progress.

The road through Red Rock Canyon is somewhat washed at the present time, but is entirely passable. The road between Little Lake and Lone Pine was somewhat washed during recent rains, but it is now being dragged and will be in splendid condition within a few days. A few washouts are in evidence between the two points, but they are well marked and night driving is not dangerous.

The Walker Pass road from Owens Valley to Isabella is in fair condition at the present time. It is a narrow natural gravel road to the summit of Walker Pass, and a graded and gravelled road to Wellington—natural gravelled road into Isabella.

The route from Hemet via San Jacinto and Moreno Grade into Riverside is impassable at the present time. The bridge just south of San Jacinto is washed out and impassable and the road for one-half mile south of the bridge is completely washed out. This road will remain impassable until such time as the water in the river recedes sufficiently to permit fording it. The road between the Ranger station and Oak Cliff on the route to Idyllwild is completely washed out in places and will remain impassable for some time. The only route open to Idyllwild is via Banning. The road from Winchester to Temecula is now in good condition with the exception of culverts which are washed out but passable.

The Morong Grade between Riverside and Beaumont is only passable at night, and is quite dangerous then. Best route at the present time to Beaumont is via Redlands and the Reservoir Canyon.

Santa Ana Canyon is now open to traffic during the following hours: 9 a. m. to 10 a. m., 12 noon to 12:30 p. m., 2 p. m. to 3 p. m., and 5 p. m. until 7:30 the next morning. Sunday travel is continuous throughout the day, with patrolmen at each end of the narrow lane who allow machines to

pass in groups of five and ten. A great amount of work is yet to be done in this canyon before it will be open to unrestricted travel.

The three-mile dirt detour on the Coach Highway just north of Del Mar is now in good condition. However, heavy trucks are being routed through Escondido.

The road leading from Elizabeth Lake to the Ridge Route through Pine Canyon is passable at the present time, but very rough and chucky. The Bonquet Canyon road of fair graded dirt is now somewhat rough in places to Leona School, but good from that point to Elizabeth Lake. The San Francisco road is passable, but not advisable, as it is badly washed in places from recent rains.

A four-mile detour is in effect on the Coast Highway at Carpinteria, due to construction work. This stretch is very rough, and one-way traffic prevails in places, with flagmen on duty. Fifteen miles per hour is average speed. The slides which occurred in Gavilota Pass during recent rains have been cleared away, but the pavement is slippery in places. San Marcos Pass is now closed on account of slides and washes.

The new concrete bridge over the Santa Maria River two miles north of Santa Monica is completed and open. This replaces the old wooden trestle and, more recently, the planked parallel detour of a quarter of a mile.

There is approximately 150 feet missing from the Coast Highway bridge just north of Del Mar on the Coast Route between Los Angeles and San Diego. The repairs to this bridge are temporarily held up pending the arrival of long piling. The piling in use at this point approximates 60 feet to 80 feet in length, because of the exceptional depth of the sand. In order to drive piling to this depth the timber must be straight and clear. Timber of this kind is not available locally and must, according to C. D. Bennett, manager of the San Diego office of the National Automobile Club, be brought from the forests of Oregon or Washington. A good dirt detour of about three miles takes care of the traffic until the bridge can be rebuilt, and coast traffic between Los Angeles and San Diego is now operating about normally.

MICHIGAN PICNIC

The Michigan Association of Southern California, Dr. M. R. Parmelee president, is making this last call to all the Wolverines to meet in their annual picnic rally all day Saturday, March 19, in Sycamore Grove Park.

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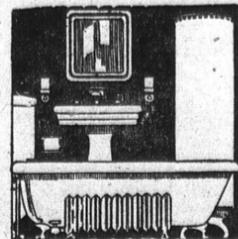
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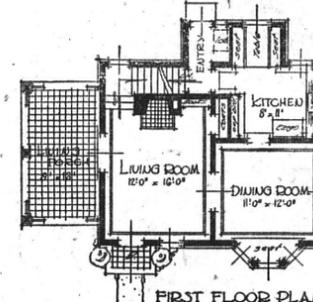
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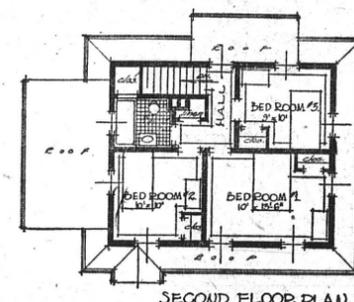
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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Here is an unusual house, combining economy, attractiveness and stability—three factors that are not always found in one house.
It is entirely shingle finish on the exterior. The roof would be delightful stained in variegated shades of green. The side walls of wide shingles in the old Colonial "whitewash" effect, and the shutters painted in the quaint shade of bright blue called "washtub blue." The large chimney, which is of red brick with a white cement cap, would add a note of striking interest to the whole.
One enters the house through a small porch into the living room, which is of generous size. A large fireplace with a built-in bookcase on the side, and French doors leading to the adjacent living porch, add to the attractiveness of this room.
The dining room is next to the living room, with a large double opening between. A complete kitchen and the indispensable breakfast room adjoining it, together with an entry at the rear of the house, complete the first floor.
The stairs lead up from the rear of the living room to a center hall on the second floor. The three bedrooms and a bath all open onto this hall, which is a very satisfactory arrangement for a second floor, as there is then no necessity for one to pass through one room to gain access to another.
The bathroom is tiled and has all fixtures complete. The bedrooms are cross-ventilated, have ample light and generous closet space. A good-sized linen closet is provided near the bathroom.
This house would be very charming when set among the green grass and foliage and shrubs.
Complete working plans and specifications of this house may be obtained for a nominal sum from the Building Editor. Refer to House A-113.

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